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To: Fox, Susan; Spencer, Nadine; Everts, Todd
Subject: Submission from Joint Rules Committee

Submit Information to the Joint Rules Committee

Date: 14th December 2020 14:19

Your Full Name:

William Johns

Email Address:

wrj.msu@gmail.com

Subject Line:

HR1 as amended by HR101ATE

Your Comment:

Hi, I am writing to request that the legislature not adopt HR1 as amended by HR101ATE. The 15 heads of committees should not singlehandedly control which bills are considered and should not have the power to effectively kill legislation that they don't like without the committee even considering it. This is profoundly undemocratic, we have elected 100 representatives to the house in MT not 15. So please help prevent this power grab by not adopting HR1 as amended by HR101ATE and protect our democracy.

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Your Full Name:

Morena Garcia

Email Address:

montanamaker88@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Concerned citizen HR101ATE

Your Comment:

Hello. As evidenced by the recent Supreme Court rulings, as well as over 50 other rejected lawsuits by different courts in the United States, I have to object to this measure brought forth by Montana Republicans. It is a blatant attempt to undermine the will of the people, allow corruption in all levels of government, and encourage grown men to throw temper tantrums when they don't get their way. We have seen the ineffectiveness of the electoral college, and this measure would allow the voices of very few to be more powerful than the many good citizens of the state of Montana. If gianforte wants to commit sedition by joining forces with such a sham of legal cases and other house republicans flouting the laws of this country, trying to negate our voting processes, and then try to throw his weight behind a measure like this, it reeks of corruption. America is a democracy, not a fascist state. The people need to be heard, there has to be a different way to consolidate power and processes that still upholds the measures set forth in the United States Constitution. This is a hastily put together measure, with sinister long term consequences. Please don't let HR101ATE become part of the Montana State legislature. Thank you.

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Your Full Name:

Stacy Jackson

Email Address:

stacyjackson@yahoo.com

Subject Line:

Control of Bill Hearings by the 15 Committee Chairs

Your Comment:

Hi there, As an independent voter, I'm interested in having bills that are proposed by both parties heard in committee. Does it really matter which party proposes a good idea? Montana deserves a government where all can have their say - not just the party who won the most votes this time around. Good ideas for solutions to issues should always be welcome - no matter the party. I support public discussion of ideas. I do not support committee chair control of bills discussed in committee.

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Your Full Name:

Julie Perchy

Email Address:

julie@nexttrnd.com

Subject Line:

In support of "in person session"

Your Comment:

Please show up to Helena for legislating for your constituents. Allow the public full access to the legislative process. Please stop mandating the wearing of masks it's purely political and serves no health benefits. It's wrong.

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Your Full Name:

Ming Lovejoy Munzing

Email Address:

lovejoy@montanasky.net

Subject Line:

Requests - Public comment

Your Comment:

Hello Joint Rules Committee, Please support an all "In-Person Session" (we want legislators at work in Helena, not sitting at home behind a computer screen. Please SUPPORT Full Public Access to the Legislative Process to Everyone (no COVID closures of the Capitol). Please OPPOSE Mandatory Masks and Face Coverings in the Capitol. Thank You, Ming Lovejoy Munzing

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Your Full Name:

Amy Zarndt

Email Address:

abzarndt@gmail.com

Subject Line:

HR1

Your Comment:

I urgently ask you to vote against HR1 for the upcoming legislative session. This rule would allow 15, all Republican, committee chairs to decide which bills get sent to committee. This is a bypass of democratic procedures and sets the stage for only the bills they choose to be taken up for discussion. Please do not allow this rule to pass!

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Your Full Name:

Jennifer Wirth

Email Address:

jenniferfwirth@gmail.com

Subject Line:

HR101ATE

Your Comment:

Please vote against HR101ATE. Bills introduced into the legislature deserve due consideration. This bill consolidates too much power in the hands of just a few legislators. This is not how democracy works.

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Your Full Name:

gene moore

Email Address:

scoriaman2003@yaho.com

Subject Line:

chairs making judgements

Your Comment:

the idea of a committee chair basically censoring the chance of public comment is unconstitutional,,or should be. the chairperson was not elected to be the gate-keeper, judge or or desicion maker as to what bills get discussed and voted on. this "rule" that is being proposed is the railroading over potential laws. it's just not right,,and the f---ing audacity is unprecedented,,only a party of bullies and cowards would take this approach to governing. are you bullies or representatives. if you are bullies,,go backk to where you came from and stay away from politics.

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Your Full Name:
Rebecca Johnson

Email Address:
rebeccainmt@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Adopt Covid Safety Measures (Virtual Session or Postpone Session after Vaccine Distribution)

Your Comment:
I am very concerned with the spread of the coronavirus in Montana due to super spreader events like holding in-person meetings with people not social distancing or wearing masks. I think the Legislature members should be role models of taking health safety measures of virtual meetings or postponement of the session and not be adding to the surging Covid numbers. We were planning an event at the Capitol in January but decided on a virtual event to slow down the spread of his destructive virus to our fellow Montanans. Do the right thing and hold virtual meetings or postpone the session until after wide distribution of the vaccine in Montana. Thank you.

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Your Full Name:

Katie Denton

Email Address:

mmm_riboflavin@hotmail.com

Subject Line:

VOTE AGAINST HR1

Your Comment:

I implore you to repeal HR1. A democracy doesn't function properly or represent its people if only 15 people decide what issues are important. This is a blatant attempt to push forward special interests at the expense of Montanans. Elected officials represent the will of the people, that is why they are ELECTED. Please do not silence the already disenfranchised, this is a terrible mistake.

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Your Full Name:

Jon Nagy

Email Address:

jon.nagy@nagyconsult.com

Subject Line:

Request for you to vote against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE

Your Comment:

I am against the rule change for the MT legislature that would allow only 15 committee chairs the power to decide which bills are heard in Committee. This is undemocratic as the 85 other House Reps would have no say.

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Your Full Name:

Judy Staigmiller

Email Address:

judyannst@gmail.com

Subject Line:

bills to consider

Your Comment:

Please, do the right thing, and follow standard procedure in deciding which bills to consider. For the Republican members of this committee, if the situation were reversed, and a majority of only 15 people would decide which bills to consider you would not find it fair at all. It is not fair this way either. Do the right thing and follow standard procedure. Stay healthy!

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Your Full Name:

Jim Weber

Email Address:

jwdisciple@gmail.com

Subject Line:

No mandatory masks or face coverings!

Your Comment:

Please keep the Capital open to the public (the people who elected you and that you are supposed to work for). Please do not close for Covid or mandate that masks or face coverings are required. Thank you!

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Your Full Name:

Laura Camilleri

Email Address:

l.camilleri.phd@gmail.com

Subject Line:

No to HR1

Your Comment:

Please vote no to HR1 as amended by HR101ATE. I believe it is not a democracy if a subset of individuals makes decisions instead of every elected official having a vote/say in matters brought forward.

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Date: 14th December 2020 12:39

Your Full Name:

Jim Weber

Email Address:

jwdisciple@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Please hold In-Person Legislative Sessions

Your Comment:

Please hold all Legislative Sessions in-person! Do not close down the Capitol for Covid!

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Your Full Name:

Robert Funk

Email Address:

bobfunk@gmail.com

Subject Line:

Rules

Your Comment:

Please keep my community safe by doing a remote session.

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Your Full Name:
Michael and Phyllis Wells

Email Address:
mwells.pwells@gmail.com

Subject Line:
Rules change

Your Comment:
We are urging you to reject the proposed rule change allowing the committee chair to veto a proposed bill. This looks like a power grab, not democracy to us! Sincerely, Michael and Phyllis Wells 3639 Sourdough Rd Bozeman, MT 59715

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Your Full Name:

Julia Shaida

Email Address:

juliashaida1@gmail.com

Subject Line:

HR1 as amended by HR101ATE

Your Comment:

I urge you to vote against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE. The strength of the Montana legislature comes from its range of viewpoints and voices. How will the legislature provide a fair hearing to all representatives if bills can be rejected at will by committee chairs? Let us do better than this.

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